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ANOTHER CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATION UNIT MOBILIZED IN SUPPORT OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn., - Brig. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces that approximately 6 soldiers from Detachment 6, U.S. Army Operational Support Airlift Command (OSACOM) of Windsor Locks are mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Detachment 6, OSACOM is a fixed wing aviation unit that provides transport for the Connecticut National Guard, U.S. Army and the Department of Defense.

This unit has previously mobilized and deployed for missions to South America, Guantanimo Bay, Cuba, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Detachment 6, OSACOM was formed in 1995 and is commanded by Chief Warrant Officer Five Richard Nelson of Southington.

The Connecticut Army National Guard has more than 300 soldiers now mobilized and deployed in Iraq and Kuwait. The units currently in Southwest Asia are the 143rd Area Support Group (ASG) of Newington, the 208th Personnel Service Detachment of Niantic, the 141st Medical Company of New Britain and Companies B & D 1/189th Aviation Battalion of Windsor Locks.